How to achieve universal coverage and adequate benefit levels in health care?

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Structure of the presentation

- What is universal coverage in social health protection?
- The unfulfilled promise: Global deficits in social health protection
- How to achieve universal access?
- Is universal coverage in health achievable in an acceptable time frame?
- Conclusions
What is universal coverage in social health protection?

Quality

Affordability of health services

Financial protection

Availability of health services

Effective access to health services for all

Information on health services
The unfulfilled promise: Global deficits in social health protection

DEFICIT IN FORMAL COVERAGE
Percentage of uncovered population

HEALTH STATUS
Maternal mortality ratio per 10,000 live births

DEFICITS IN AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY:
Gaps in health workforce

DEFICITS IN AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY
Relative deficit in per capita health spending compared to low vulnerability countries

DEFICITS IN AFFORDABILITY AND FINANCIAL PROTECTION
Out-of-pocket payments

Vulnerability levels:
- VERY high vulnerability of countries
- High vulnerability
- Medium vulnerability
- Low vulnerability
- VERY Low level of vulnerability

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How to achieve universal access?

- Assessing deficits
- Developing a national coverage plan
- Strengthening national capacities

Coordinating all existing health financing mechanisms with a view to:

- Universal access in an adequate timeframe
- Effective and efficient provision of quality health care and financial protection
- Good governance based on fiscal and economic affordability
Is universal coverage in health achievable in an acceptable time frame?

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Conclusions

**Experiences**

The clear link between health and poverty needs to be addressed by a basic guarantee of access to adequate health services.

Countries tend to rely on a combination of health protection mechanisms resulting in access and quality deficits.

Universal health protection coverage is achievable for developing countries if strategic approaches are matched with political commitment.

**What matters most...**

Achieving equity in access to quality benefits

Developing fiscal space

Rationalizing the pluralistic use of health financing mechanisms

Developing capacities to extend social health protection

Promoting efficiency and ensuring sustainability

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